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WINFIELD PRAIRIELAND PARTNERS JOHN DEERE CONTRIBUTES TO LOCAL 4-H YOUTH

WINFIELD AND ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS- PrairieLand Partners' Managing by Values Team challenged all PrairieLand Partners stores to develop a unique way to give back to their communities. Locally, employees of the Winfield store developed a concept and determined a local organization to which they would like to contribute. Of the ideas presented, the employees chose to restore a 1937 Unstyled Model A Tractor, sell chances to win it and give the proceeds to a local non-profit. The organization they chose to present the funds to was the Cowley County 4-H Development Fund.

Once the tractor was secured, employees gave of their own time and effort in the restoration process. Twenty local employees contributed their free time to the effort and the process took approximately ten months to complete. Additional thanks should be given to Rob Carrol Sandblasting for sandblasting the rear wheels of the tractor.

Initially, a raffle was held, with tickets sold for \$20 each. The raffle raised \$4,626.00 and the drawing took place March 18, 2016. The winner, Brent Mathes of Bartlett, Kansas chose to donate the tractor back to Cowley County 4-H. The 1937 Unstyled Model A Tractor is now up for auction, with the proceeds further benefiting the Cowley County 4-H Development Fund.

The 4-H Development Fund is the local 4-H foundation which was created in 1995 to assist Cowley County 4-H'ers as they take part in educational events and activities. Funding is provided by supporters through philanthropic gifts and donations. In addition to grants and 4-H camp support, educational scholarships are provided to 4-H members who are high school seniors or college freshmen annually.

For more information about Cowley County 4-H and the Cowley County 4-H Development Fund, contact the Cowley County Extension Office at 620-221-5450.

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